Indonesian Terrorist Convict: No Laws Can Handle Terrorism Actions

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Not only have the Indonesian government and lawmakers or DPR been under pressure to pass the bill on terrorism after the recent wave of deadly bombings in the country, but many Indonesian important public figures have also participated in talking about a fierce anti-terrorism polemic.

Unlike them all, however, Cleric Abu Rusydan, who was an alleged terrorist, has got a different opinion. He said, for example, that many former terrorist convicts would only have, at least, two important things to believe in.

The cleric said Tuesday (on 22 May) during a public discussion entitled "Political terrorism and security" held in Jakarta, that any regulations [whether in the forms of Perppu (the regulation in lieu of law) or KUHAP (Criminal Code)] which were meant to punish Islamic activists' thoughts, feelings, and behaviours, would never be able to control the destiny created by Allah.

Secondly, in reality, all those regulations would never work to be applied for handling terrorism cases.

According to the cleric, it is only a factual thing to admit that there are many security officers who tend to violate all the official procedures and regulations when handling terrorism cases.

He pointed out, for example, that the very officers had, indeed, broken the rules that they had made themselves, such as in dealing with the procedures of providing the terrorists with lawyers; providing them with the opportunities to contact with their families; committing to follow the permitted length of the detention; and many more.

He stated that all of the official procedures in handling criminals would not be applicable to alleged terrorists.

The best way to revise the bill on terrorism should, therefore, be dealing with positive actions such as on monitoring the actions and performances of the security officers in handling terrorism actions including the sanctions when they violate the regulations in doing so.

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